

## UNIFORM TRADE LAWS PROPOSED FOR AMERICAS

Creation of International High  
Commission Urged in Pan-  
American Conference.

### BANK TO FINANCE CROPS

Plan for Taking Care of Agri-  
cultural Credits Will Be  
Presented Today.

### ASKS TREATY BE RATIFIED

Nicaraguan Delegation Also Wants  
U. S. Banks to Buy Stock in  
Other Republics.

Creation of an international high com-  
mission to recommend to the sister  
republics of the Western Hemisphere in-  
ternational legislation of a uniform char-  
acter for the strengthening of trade rela-  
tions and the smoothing of the paths of  
commerce between nations of this contin-  
ent was the novel recommendation yester-  
day placed before the Pan-American  
Financial Conference.

The plan was submitted by the special  
committee on uniformity of laws. The  
proposed commission would have the  
uniformity of laws in connection with the  
establishment of a gold standard of val-  
ue, the regulation of bills of exchange,  
commercial paper, and bills of lading;  
the classification of merchandise, customs  
regulations, consular certificates and  
invoices, and port charges, and the  
regulation of commercial travelers. This  
commission also would strive for a uni-  
form low rate of postage and of charges  
for money orders and parcels post between  
the American countries, and for the ex-  
tension of the process of arbitration for  
the adjustment of commercial disputes.

### FOR FINANCING OF CROPS.

Two distinct corporations for the finan-  
cing of the crops of the Central Ameri-  
can countries and possibly the Northern  
republics of South America will be pro-  
posed to the conference this morning.  
The plan comprises the establishment of  
a bank especially fitted to take care  
of the short time loans, the agricultural  
credits, and the financing of the out-  
put of products of Central America and  
contiguous states, and the formation of  
another corporation for the distinct pur-  
pose of financing public works, railroads,  
harbor improvements, etc.

Ratification of the Nicaraguan treaty  
now pending before the United States  
Senate and the granting of permission  
to United States national banks to pur-  
chase stock in banks organized to do  
business in countries other than the  
United States were urged by the Nicara-  
guan delegation.

### SHIP OWNERSHIP DODGED.

The propaganda for government own-  
ership of a merchant marine will not be  
indorsed in the report of the transpor-  
tation committee of the conference today.  
This subject, which is regarded by the  
administration as the most important to  
be dealt with at the conference, is  
"straddled" in the report of the com-  
mittee as formulated last night.

The committee met at 4 o'clock and  
agreed to the final draft of the report,  
and each member was pledged not to  
divulge any of the important details of  
the recommendation. It was learned au-  
thoritatively, however, that if the con-  
ference adopts this report it will not com-  
mit itself to the principle of government  
ownership nor to ship subsidies. It was  
said that some recommendations would  
be made for the development of better  
transportation facilities, although no defi-  
nite indication other than the fact that  
government ownership is not specifically  
urged could be obtained in regard to  
these suggestions.

Costa Rica is planning to borrow \$500,000 in New York, according to announce-  
ment.

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### Curtain Calls.

Under the captivating chapter  
"Curtain Calls," Julia Chandler  
Manz, The Herald's brilliant  
dramatic critic, begins a brand  
new dramatic feature in tomor-  
row's Herald, presenting snappy  
little interviews with the folk  
who entertain us and the things  
they are doing here, there, and  
everywhere, in her own happy  
and inimitable style.

## BLEEDING MAN LEFT AT HOSPITAL DOOR

Two Men in Auto Deposit Uncon-  
scious Form at Door of Emer-  
gency and Speed Away.

An unconscious man whose forehead  
bled from an ugly cut was found at the  
door of the Emergency Hospital at 12:45  
this morning. He was discovered by a  
colored man and woman, who were pass-  
ing the hospital at the time and who  
subsequently told the police a story of  
what appears to be a deep mystery.

The colored man and woman said that  
an automobile had stopped in front of  
the hospital, that two men had leaped  
out and carried the unconscious man to  
the door. The two men then re-entered  
the automobile and sped away.

The injured man was carried into the  
hospital. The first examination did not  
establish definitely how the injury had  
been inflicted. In the man's pocket was  
found a letter addressed to A. J. Clark,  
123 K Street.

J. D. Clark, of 215 First street north-  
west, district manager of the North  
American Insurance Company, said he  
had a brother living at the 25  
street address and that the description  
of the injured man tallied with that of  
the brother, who for twenty years has  
been employed in the appointment divi-  
sion of the Treasury Department.

The brother is unable to explain the  
mystery. He said A. J. Clark had left  
his home in the morning with two friends  
from New York for the Columbia Golf  
Club. It is feared the injured man's  
condition is serious.

## SAYS DRAMA LEAGUE'S PLAYS INCITE YAWNS

Mrs. Hemmick "Comes Back" with  
Recital of "Wretched Things"  
Given by Society.

Personal animosity is behind the "an-  
tagonism" which has arisen toward Mrs.  
Christian D. Hemmick among officials of  
the Washington center of the Drama  
League, according to her assertion last  
night.

The Herald received yesterday a com-  
munication from George Talbot Odell,  
president of that organization, in which  
he stated that Mrs. Hemmick was the  
only person who has resigned from the  
drama society, though it had been stated  
that forty members left when she did.

Mrs. Hemmick asserts that she was  
asked by the local Drama League to take  
over the work of its amateur department,  
and that forty amateurs were gotten to-  
gether. When she presented the manu-  
script of the "Propaganda for Peace,"  
to the officials, she says they refused to  
have anything to do with it. Then she  
resigned. Her forty pupils, she says,  
did not join the league, but have worked  
under her since that time.

She takes a sharp dig at the officials  
of the Drama League, saying that they  
have always preferred a professional  
play to amateur manuscripts and that  
"last year they gave some wretched  
things" which the audience yawned  
through. Mrs. Hemmick says the work  
of her people is that of amateurs and  
amateur artists.

### CAPITAL PEACE WORKER IN U. S.

Mrs. J. B. Rublee and Six Others  
Back from The Hague.

New York, May 28.—Led by Mrs. Frank  
R. McMillin, of Chicago, six more of the  
American delegates to the Women's  
Peace Conference held recently at The  
Hague returned today on the Holland-  
American liner Rotterdam from Rotterdam.  
Mrs. R. W. Kohlhammer, of Chi-  
cago, was another member of the party.  
The other four were Mrs. J. B. Rublee,  
of Washington, D. C.; Mrs. Grace Le-  
ggett, of Portland, Ore.; Mrs. Mabel M.  
Irwin, and Mrs. Orris I. Minasian, both  
of Brooklyn.

### "GERMANY BOUND TO WIN."

U. S. Consul Tells of Untouched Re-  
sources of Kaiser.

New York, May 28.—"Germany is  
bound to win," declared John G. Lam-  
mont, United States vice consul at Ham-  
burg, on his arrival here today on the  
Holland-American liner Rotterdam. Mr.  
Lamont is on his way to attend the  
funeral of his father, who died recently  
at Titusville, Pa.

"Germany's resources are practically  
untouched," he said. "She has plenty of  
provisions, plenty of copper and plenty  
of everything else she needs. If neces-  
sary the Germans can put an army of  
12,000,000 men in the field."

### REPRIEVE FOR MEXICANS.

Five Murderers Get Nine Weeks  
More of Life.

Phoenix, Ariz., May 28.—The State  
board of pardons this afternoon granted  
a reprieve not to exceed nine weeks for  
the five Mexicans who had been sen-  
tenced to be hanged here today.

### ITALIANS KILLED BY MOBS.

Austrians in Trieste Wreck Build-  
ings—Authorities Flee.

Rome (via Paris), May 28.—Austrian  
mobs in Trieste have wrecked the Italian  
shops and houses. Many Italians were  
victims of the mob's violence. The au-  
thorities are reported to have fled the  
town.

### Battleship North Carolina Aground.

A dispatch was received at the Navy  
Department yesterday from Capt. J. W.  
Oman, commander of the battleship  
North Carolina, stating that his ship is  
aground in the outer harbor at Alexan-  
dria, Egypt. The cruiser Des Moines  
has gone to her relief.

## WILSON APPEAL FOR MEXICANS AUGURS CRISIS

Factions Must Either Re-  
form or Invite Action by  
U. S., Is Belief Here.

### WARNING TO BE ISSUED

Notice of Forthcoming State-  
ment Accompanies Plea for  
Starving Peons.

### INTERVENTION IS POSSIBLE

President and Advisers Believed to  
Have Recognized Futility of  
"Watchful Waiting."

The change in President Wilson's Mexi-  
can policy, already forecasted in dis-  
patches to The Washington Herald, is  
about to take place. A statement will  
be made by the President within a few  
days, the ultimate consequences of which  
may prove to be intervention.

This statement probably will be ad-  
dressed to the American people, but it  
will carry a warning to the factions in  
Mexico. It will put the Mexican leaders  
on notice that they may expect action  
from the United States unless they  
speedily bring about an improvement of  
conditions.

This change in attitude on the part of  
the administration was indicated yester-  
day by action which in itself seems to  
commit the administration to a vigorous  
course in Mexico—the action of the Presi-  
dent in issuing an appeal to the Ameri-  
can public to give money with which to  
purchase food for starving Mexicans.

### Significance of Appeal.

The chief significance of this appeal lies  
in the fact that efforts of the Red  
Cross heretofore to send relief supplies  
into Mexico have proved futile because  
of the attitude of the warring factions.  
In issuing his call the President is con-  
sidered to have committed the United  
States government to the task of seeing  
that access to the famine points is had.  
Unless the course of the contending lead-  
ers in Mexico is radically altered, the  
United States government may find itself  
compelled to seize railroads and ports of  
entry.

The truth of the situation seems to be  
this: That the President and his advisers  
have recognized the impossibility of car-  
rying the policy of "watchful waiting"  
to the extent of permitting widespread  
starvation in the virtual back yard of  
the United States. Though it has long  
been known that destitution and food  
scarcity are genuine menaces to thou-  
sands, if not millions, of persons in  
Mexico, only recently has the extreme  
gravity of the situation impressed itself  
upon officials here.

In some quarters here the President's  
appeal, together with his forthcoming  
announcement, is being hailed in the  
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### PRINCESS CUT OFF IN WILL.

"She Is Paying Penalty," Says  
Gypsy Violinist Husband.

Chicago, May 28.—The will of the late  
Mrs. Catherine L. Morrow, of London  
and Chicago, which has been filed here,  
cut off her daughter, Princess Chimay,  
formerly Clara Ward, of Detroit, Mich.,  
with only \$1,000, although the document  
disposed of property worth \$100,000. The  
princess, who is now known as Mme.  
Riccardi, was said today to be living in  
seclusion in New York, having recently  
sailed from her native country from  
where she had been practically exiled by  
her mother.

"Poor woman, I am sorry for her,"  
said Rigo, the gypsy violinist and her  
former husband, when informed of the  
princess' misfortune. "She is paying the  
penalty, but ah—while it lasted, life with  
her was a paradise."

### MANY PRIESTS ENLISTING.

Italian Churchmen Joining Army.  
King Offers Villa for Hospital.

By BRINGTON D. ALAIRE.  
Special Correspondent of The Washington Herald.  
Rome, May 28.—Many Roman Catholic  
priests are enlisting in the Italian army  
to fight against the Austrians and Ger-  
mans. Officials of the war office declare  
that there are more volunteers than are  
needed. Queen Helena has offered the  
quintal and the other palaces of the  
royal family at Milan and Mantua for  
hospital purposes. Pope Benedict XV has  
offered the use of his villa at Gondolfo  
to the Red Cross.

### KAISER TO ANSWER TODAY.

German Reply Will Prolong Dis-  
cussion of Submarine Warfare.

The Hague, May 28.—The German  
Legation understands that Germany's  
reply to the American note on subma-  
rine warfare will be presented tomor-  
row.

It is reported the German reply will  
ask the American government to con-  
sider or deny that the Lusitania carried  
ammunition and that further communi-  
cations will depend upon the reply  
from Washington.

BALTIMORE & OHIO TO BALTIMORE.  
\$1.50 Round Trip Every Saturday  
and Sunday, noon, returning until 9 a. m.  
Monday.—Adv.

## KEPT HUSBY IN WITH SHEARS.

Bearing Battle Scars, He Tells  
Court His Troubles.

New York, May 28.—Mitchell Levy, who  
weighs 250 pounds, was held prisoner for  
two days and nights by his wife, he told  
Magistrate Krotel today, and the woman  
was held for sentence on a charge of dis-  
orderly conduct. Armed with a pair of  
shears and a long knife, she maintained  
a patrol outside Levy's bedroom. She  
also cut all his clothes to ribbons and  
refused to give him anything to eat, he  
testified.

Numerous scars on Levy's face and  
hands indicated that the shears and  
knife had done more than cut the  
clothes.

Levy says the trouble arose over his  
refusal to give his wife a check for \$125  
which she demanded despite the fact that  
she had received her regular weekly al-  
lowance.

Finally, Gus Levy, worried at his  
brother's absence from work, went to  
the apartment. He took the shears and  
knife away from Mrs. Levy, released the  
imprisoned husband, and swore out a  
warrant.

## U. S. MAY GO TO WAR FOR PEACE

So Says Senator Hoke Smith,  
Addressing the Commercial  
Commission of China.

### BRYAN REITERATES PLEA

University Club Dinner Marks Climax  
of Entertainments for  
Visitors.

"We of the United States love peace  
so much that if necessary we are going to  
fight to keep it."  
Speaking at the dinner tendered the  
Honorary Commercial Commission of  
China by the Southern Commercial Con-  
gress at the University Club last night,  
Senator Hoke Smith, Democrat leader of  
Georgia, last night announced that he  
was not willing to rely upon love in in-  
ternational affairs until he could receive  
assurances that other nations were will-  
ing to rely upon the same medium of con-  
tact.

Following shortly after Secretary of State  
Bryan, who sounded his customary peace  
plea. Senator Smith declared that he  
favored the building for the United  
States of the strongest navy in the  
world.

### Refers to European War.

Senator Smith made it plain that his  
attitude was the result of the European  
war and possible questions affecting this  
country as a result of the war.

"I would like to have this country rely  
for its safety upon the love in our hearts  
for the other people of the world," he  
declared, "but we cannot entirely be-  
lieve that that is a safe reliance until we are  
equally sure that the hearts of the other  
people are equally filled with love. If you  
gentlemen find us legislators next winter  
voting for more ships and more soldiers  
it isn't because our hearts are changed.  
It's because we want to be prepared  
while we wait for the hearts of other  
peoples to change."

"For one, while I want to rely on love,  
I want to have something else. I'm  
willing to fight the world with love, but  
I want to have something else."

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### FIVE KILLED AS "SUB" FIRES.

British Steamer Sunk with Captain  
and Men.

London, May 28.—The British steamer  
Spenmyr, 273 tons, Capt. G. Edling-  
ton, of Newcastle, has been sunk by a  
German submarine and the captain and  
five of the crew drowned. The Spenmyr  
was torpedoed by an eighteen shells  
fired from the guns of the submarine and  
then finally was torpedoed.

The Spenmyr was built in 1906 and  
was owned by W. Runciman & Co.

### "MOONSHINERS" KILL RAIDER.

Two Deputies Wounded in Fight  
at Still.

Jellico, Ky., May 28.—William Lowe was  
killed and Deputy Sheriff Joseph King  
and James Pennington were mortally  
wounded early today while attempting  
to raid a "moonshiners' still" on the  
Tennessee line. Six men have been  
killed in battles with moonshiners in the  
district during the past six months.

## IS THERE SUCH A THING AS CIVILIZED WARFARE?

Is there such a thing as international law?  
In an opening article of a new series on the latest phases of  
the great war, James Morgan compares the warfare of the past  
with that of the present; shows wherein war have grown better  
and grown worse as civilization has advanced and sketches the  
development of an international code duello.

Read this opening article.

### "The Rights of Humanity in War"

—one of the most important contributions to the literature of  
the present war—in

### Tomorrow's Sunday Herald

## NEBRASKAN HIT BY TORPEDO, IS REPORT TO U. S.

Point Decided by London Ex-  
amination, Writer  
Declares.

### OFFICERS ARE SILENT

Embassy Attaches Mum, but  
Crew Sure of Cause of  
Damage.

### INJURED SHIP BEING RIGHTED

Washington Believes Vessel Was  
Struck by Torpedo—Chief En-  
gineer Makes Report.

### By HAYDEN TALBOT.

Special Correspondent of The Washington Herald.  
Liverpool, May 28 (Saturday).—At an  
early hour this morning I learn from an  
authoritative source that the report on  
the Nebraska incident to be sent to  
Washington signed by Consul General  
Lee Washington, Naval Constructor Mc-  
Bride, and Lieut. Towers will state un-  
equivocally that the ship was torpedoed.

None of them would say a word when  
I questioned them regarding the results  
of their investigations, but I am able to  
state positively that they received from  
Capt. Green and the five officers and  
every member of the crew the unanimous  
declaration that the Nebraska was tor-  
pedoed and not mined.

### Washington Gets Report.

At midnight pumps were still busy  
drawing off the water from the Nebraska.  
The ship's hold, but such good progress had  
been made that the vessel is only five  
feet down at the bow from the normal  
water line. It is hoped to drydock her  
today if room can be found.

The belief that the American steamship  
Nebraska was torpedoed was somewhat  
strengthened here yesterday with the  
receipt of an official report asserting  
that the chief engineer of the Nebraska  
asserted without qualification that he  
saw the white wake of a torpedo just  
before the explosion occurred. It is be-  
lieved that if it is established that the  
chief engineer spoke of this at the time,  
his assertion will go far toward deciding  
whether the Nebraska was struck by a  
mine or a torpedo.

With the probability that several days  
must elapse before all the facts are  
definitely known regarding the Nebraska  
case, officials yesterday were greatly  
interested in reports from Berlin that  
the German government is about to  
send its reply to President Wilson's note,  
and that this reply is to be of a pre-  
liminary, and not a final character. It is  
now thought likely that the note may be  
here before it is determined what caused  
the explosion which damaged the Nebraska.

### No Danger from Reply.

The reports that Germany wants first to  
have the facts in the cases of German  
submarine and aerial attack on the  
American flag, American life and Ameri-  
can property to the mutual satisfaction  
of both governments before making her  
reply to President Wilson's demands,  
caused no surprise here.

While it is asserted that there need  
be no fear that the administration will  
permit itself to become so entangled in  
the intricacies of diplomatic correspond-  
ence as to lose its power of action on the  
vital issues involved, it is pointed out  
that Germany has a right to ask that the  
facts in the cases in question be deter-  
mined to her own satisfaction. In regard  
to the British ships Palala and Lusitania,  
upon which Americans lost their  
lives as the result of these vessels being  
torpedoed by German submarines, there  
is no dispute as to the fact of the ac-  
t itself. It is suspected here that in  
referring to the facts in these cases the  
Germans are hoping to make the United  
States admit that both vessels were carry-  
ing contraband of war to England.

### \$100 to Harpers Ferry, \$125 Martinsburg, \$150 Berkeley Springs and \$200 to Cumberland and Return.

Baltimore & Ohio Sunday, May 26, from  
Union Station, 8:25 a. m. Returning  
same day.—Adv.

### TO STRENGTHEN SUBMARINES.

Secretary Daniels Plans Reorganization  
of Service.

The poor showing made in peace time  
by the submarines of the United States  
navy, compared with the war time per-  
formances of other powers, especially  
Germany, has forced Secretary Daniels  
to take action amounting practically to  
reorganization of the service to remedy  
the situation.

The Secretary yesterday announced the  
creation of a new office, in charge of the  
entire submarine service, and the ap-  
pointment of Capt. A. W. Grant, now in  
command of the Battleship Texas, to fill  
it. The Secretary thus subordinates  
Commander Yates Sterling, who last  
fall called the attention of Congress to  
the pitiful condition of the submarine  
fleet. Commander Sterling becomes an  
assistant to Capt. Grant.

### SUEZ IS NEW WAR ZONE.

Turkey Notifies Neutral Nations of  
Extension of Hostilities.

Constantinople (via Berlin and Am-  
sterdam), May 28.—The Turkish govern-  
ment has notified neutral countries that  
it finds itself compelled to extend hos-  
tilities to the Suez Canal.

## WALK OR WHEEL BABY; YOU'LL LIVE LONGER

Health Service Says Chances of Liv-  
ing Past 40 Are Decreasing in  
United States.

The United States Public Health Ser-  
vice has issued a warning to the public.  
Here it is:  
"The death rate after the age of 40 is  
increasing in spite of more sanitary  
modes of living and greater protection  
against communicable disease. The ex-  
pectation of life after 40 is less than it  
was thirty years ago. This is due largely  
to increased prevalence of the diseases  
of degeneration. The muscles, arteries  
and other organs of those who as a re-  
sult of sedentary occupation or indolence  
take too little exercise degenerate. Heart  
disease, kidney disease and other ills  
follow.

"Take daily exercise. Have a hobby  
that gets you out of doors. Walk to your  
business, to your dressmaker's, walk for  
the sake of walking. Join a walking  
club and keep your weekly score of  
miles. Keep chickens, make a garden,  
wheel the baby or play golf, or any  
other game, but take two hours' outdoor  
exercise every day. Gymnasium work is  
good for those who like it and can af-  
ford it, but avoid heavy athletics. Don't  
try to be a 'strong man,' the champion  
athlete often dies young."

## MAY CLOSE BELMONT AFTER INVESTIGATION

Future of New York Race Track to  
Be Decided Today by Mineola  
Judge.

New York, May 28.—The Belmont Park  
race track may be closed by the sheriff  
of Nassau County tomorrow if a general  
investigation into the alleged gambling  
conditions at the track shows that the  
law is being violated. The investigation  
will be held in the court of Justice Seid-  
ler at Mineola.

"If the court finds the allegations well-  
founded I will close the track," he said.  
Newspaper men and others who have  
seen open gambling at the track were  
subpoenaed today. The subpoenas name  
the Westchester Racing Association, of  
which August Belmont is president, as  
the object of the investigation.

Other prominent men named as de-  
fendants in the investigation are Clarence  
H. Mackey, Thomas J. Regan, Harry  
Payne Whitney, Herman B. Duryea,  
James H. Metcalfe, John J. Coakley,  
Louis S. Thompson, and U. A. Murdoch,  
all of whom are directors of the West-  
chester Racing Association.

## WIFE OF HEIRESS' "PAL" WANTS TO CUT BONDS

"Al" Davis, Friend of Miss Eugenia  
Kelly, of Tango Fame, Sued  
for Divorce.

New York, May 28.—Mrs. Aime Davis  
filed suit for divorce this afternoon  
against her husband, "Al" Davis, who  
was named as one of the men with whom  
Miss Eugenia Kelly associated in her  
nightly visits to cabaret shows.  
Mrs. Davis charges statutory offense  
and names "A woman unknown to me."  
In the divorce papers Mrs. Davis men-  
tions Miss Bonnie Glass, dancer, as one  
of the intimate friends of her husband.  
Davis and Miss Kelly, whose arrest on  
the charge of inebriety preferred by  
her mother created a sensation, were  
very friendly.

### B. C. & A. STEAMER IN CRASH.

Passengers of Dorchester in Panic  
When Collision Occurs.

Baltimore, Md., May 28.—With a force  
that hurled many passengers from their  
berths and tore a great hole in her port  
side, the steamer Dorchester, of the  
Baltimore, Chesapeake, and Atlantic  
Railway Company, was rammed today by  
the fishing steamer J. A. Palmer, Jr.,  
owned by the G. R. Davis Packing Com-  
pany, of Reedsville, Va.

The accident occurred off Sandy Point,  
near which the Dorchester, in a sinking  
condition, was beached. None of the pas-  
sengers on the Dorchester was injured,  
though a serious panic was narrowly  
averted. The forty-five passengers  
were brought to Baltimore on the steam-  
er Virginia of the Old Bay Line.

### BECKER'S WIFE TO CARRY PLEA

He Will Expose Police Conditions  
If Life Is Spared.

Ossining, May 28.—Charles Becker will  
tell all he knows concerning graft in New  
York City to save himself from the  
death chair provided Gov. Whitman will  
commute his sentence.

Mrs. Becker is quoted as saying since  
her last talk with her husband:  
"I have taken upon myself the task of  
going to the governor. I told Charlie  
so today, and urged him to begin at once  
the preparation of the material he has  
that can be laid before Mr. Whitman.  
He will begin at once."

### MOST FAMOUS RACE IS OFF.

Jockey Club Cancels Derby Because  
of War.

London, May 28.—The Jockey Club to-  
day called off the Derby, the most  
famous horse race in the world, which  
was to